



August 2019

# CROSSTOWN

*At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg*

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# Why We Love Messy Church and Hope You Will Too

*Messy Church is our monthly intergenerational family gathering involving worship, crafts, music, storytelling, and a shared supper. Our next season of Messy Church starts on Thursday, September 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.*

*What's it all about? We asked some regular Messy Church-goers to talk about why Messy Church is important to them. See you in September!*

## What was your first impression of Messy Church?

**Sarah Albert:** That it is a creative, out-of-the-box way of "going to church" and that it's fun! Every time we get in the car to go to church, my four-year-old asks, "Is it Messy?!"

**Cathy Rome:** My first impression was also that Messy Church is fun! Everybody looked happy; they wanted to be there.

**Lucy Yeager:** Fun is what keeps our family coming back, too. When you ask your kid if he wants to go to a church and he replies

"Yes!" with great enthusiasm, you make it work, no matter how busy your schedule is.

## What do you want others to know (both families and other Cathedral members) about Messy Church?

**Hayden:** Everyone should come because the food is great, especially the yummy desserts. Plus, the crafts are terrific. The best part about the Bible stories is that the lady

[Gail MacAulay] includes people; she does not just talk to us.

**Lucy:** For my family, the best part is that all are welcome. My mom often attends; she eats dinner

and watches happy children enjoying church. What could be better? My son still grabs my hand to join the music march at the beginning, and we sit together to hear the Bible story.

**Sarah:** It's important that everyone is welcome, even if they have never been before, and even if they don't have young children.



*Cathy Rome strikes up the ukulele!*



*The Alberts — Abigail, Caroline, Sam, and Maggie, with mother Sarah — are Messy regulars.*

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## Back to School

### We'll Start the School Year Right With Blessing of the Backpacks

Our back-to-school observances will start at the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, August 4, with the Blessing of the Backpacks.

All kids are invited to bring their packs to be blessed. We will also bless the back-

packs donated by parishioners for the students at our adopted school, Campbell Park Elementary. All kids will receive a luggage tag as a reminder of God's presence throughout the year.

The festivities continue after that service with a back-to-school brunch in Harvard Hall. At the same time families are invited to the garden for our first-Sunday social with fun outdoor games. These socials are a great time to meet other families and catch up with friends.

### Help Campbell Park Kids Get Dressed for Success

Our outreach opportunity of the month for August: school uniforms for the emergency uniform closet at Campbell Park Elementary.

The closet supplies uniforms to children who do not have the mandatory school clothes and those who, for one reason or another, need a fresh uniform during the school day.



You can find the official uniforms at stores such as Target and Wal-Mart.

Campbell Park's dress code calls for shirts in white, light blue, or navy blue. They must be polo-style shirts with collars and sleeves. Bottoms can be pants, shorts, or skirts in khaki or navy. (If you'd like to contribute socks, go wild — no color restrictions!)

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Sizes: Campbell Park's students range from pre-K to fifth grade, and they come in all shapes and sizes. Look for sizes 8 through 16 and "husky" size for some of the older boys.

We'll have a collection box in Harvard Hall.

If you would like to make a financial donation to be used to buy uniforms, go to our website, <http://www.spcathedral.org>, select "outreach" in the drop-down menu, and type "Campbell Uniforms" in the memo line. Or you can write a check payable to the Cathedral. Note "Outreach — Campbell Uniforms" in the memo line.

### **Congratulations, Campbell Park, on Boosting Your School Grade!**

The Pinellas County Schools recently announced that Campbell Park Elementary has raised its official state Department of Education grade from an F to a C. The school that was once branded a "failure factory" is a failure no more!

To accomplish that, the school had to increase its failing score by at least 73 points. They exceeded that minimum, improving by 107 points on a variety of criteria including student performance in reading, math, social studies and science. Details about every school in the state are available here: <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/18754>

"We achieved this because of the contributions, thoughts, mentoring, and most of all the prayers of the Cathedral," community liaison Carlos Childs said. "You all were truly instrumental in our success and we

are extremely grateful for all that you do."

In thanking mentors, business partners, churches, volunteers, tutors, and parents for their "dedication, support, and most of all your prayers," Carlos said, "we saw the C, we came for that C and now we CONQUERED that C! To the teachers and staff, you all rocked and are truly amazing. To our administrative team, KUDOS for a job well done and your leadership. I'm overwhelmed with joy and can't wait to celebrate with the students in a few weeks."

### **Show Campbell Park Teachers Some Taco Love**

We're going to show our appreciation for the teachers at Campbell Park by providing a taco bar at lunchtime Friday, August 16.

We expect to serve about 125 people. You can help by preparing some of the food according to a recipe we'll supply, or donating items such as soft

tortillas, taco toppings, chips, and cookies for dessert.

Go to <http://www.spcathedral.org/community> for the

shopping lists and signup sheets. Questions? Please speak to Penny Roen ([pennyroen@gmail.com](mailto:pennyroen@gmail.com)) or Sarah Albert ([sarahalbert626@gmail.com](mailto:sarahalbert626@gmail.com)).



## New Evening Service of Sung Compline Will Begin September 8

Beginning Sunday, September 8, we will offer a new service — the sung Office of Compline — on the second Sunday of the month at 8 p.m.

Compline is an ancient monastic service offered to God as the final church service of the day. The word “compline” is derived from the Latin *completorium*, because Compline marks the completion of the working day. This service includes scripture, prayers, hymns, and the

canticle *Nunc dimittis* (“Lord, you now have set your servant free...”). The service concludes with the antiphon, “Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.”

With a candlelit church and a quartet of our Cathedral staff singers, and in heartfelt prayer, we offer thanks to God in the stillness for the blessings of the day. The service lasts about half an hour.

You can read the Order for Compline on Page 127 of the Book of Common Prayer. Its emphasis on rest, spiritual peace, and contemplation makes this an ideal service for the end of one busy week before the next one starts.

Compline will be offered September through March, excluding December. The service is open to the public.



### November Book Talk: Ben Montgomery

Our ninth year of noontime book talks is taking shape. We're pleased to announce that Ben Montgomery will be with us on November 12 to talk about his book, *The Man Who Walked Backward*.



This is the true story of Plennie Wingo, who decided to overcome his Depression-era depression with a grand adventure: walking around the world backward.

Book talks are from noon to 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday in October, November, January, February, and March. No charge; lunch available (\$5). We'll have more speakers to announce next month.



## Diocesan Acolyte Festival Needs Your Hospitality Help

The Cathedral will host the fifth diocesan Acolyte Festival on Saturday, September 7. This is the largest youth event in the diocese, attracting between 200 and 400 acolytes and supporters from across the Diocese of Southwest Florida for a day of learning, fun, and community-building.

The day ends with a worship service during

which the acolytes affirm their service, receive a blessing from Bishop Dabney Smith, and display their vestments, banners, and equipment in a colorful procession.

Lots of hands are needed to host this event, and of course we are always happy to show our diocese what welcome and hospitality look like at their Cathedral.

We need set-up help on Friday, September 6 (time to be determined). On Saturday, the volunteer shifts are from 7 to 9:30 a.m.; 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The idea is that no one needs to be there all day; you can volunteer for just a few hours. No need to exhaust yourself or give up an entire day.

Please contact Shar Nudelman at [marvshar1@msn.com](mailto:marvshar1@msn.com) or (727) 687-7251 if you'd like to help.

*Tommy Chase demonstrates how to use the thurible at last year's Acolyte Festival. Photo by GARLAND POLLARD*



The Cathedral office continues on **OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE**: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays.

We offer our **12:05 P.M. EUCHARISTS** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Wednesdays continue as **THE HEALING SERVICE**.

# Final Affairs Fair: Now Is the Best Time To Make Those Plans

Susan Churuti

Following the rubric on page 445 of the Book of Common Prayer, the Stewardship Committee made a presentation at our Final Affairs Fair on June 30 about the duty of all persons “to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.”

Dean Morris explained that funeral planning is available and any member of the congregation can speak to a member of the clergy about their preferences for services, music, and celebrants.

He explained how the Cathedral family will care for our survivors after our death.



Susan Churuti, the junior warden and member of the Stewardship Committee, discussed the law relating to designations of health-

care surrogates, living wills (to express our intent while we are still alive), and the workings of Do Not Resuscitate orders, which must be executed by a physician. These relate to end-of-life medical care options, and who will make our decisions if we are unable to do so. She explained that controversies about medical care are avoidable, and clarity is a kindness to family members and friends faced with emotional issues.

Marilyn Polson, who recently retired from the active practice of law and is board



certified in the area of wills, trusts, and estates, explained that if we don't make plans for our legacy, the State of Florida will do that planning for us, perhaps in ways we wouldn't want. Marilyn is also active on the Stewardship Committee. She emphasized the significant financial and tax consequences of failing to plan, and urged that we seek professional advice, to avoid unwanted and unforeseen consequences.

If you would like to discuss your funeral plans, you may speak to any member of the clergy. If you would like to talk about legacy issues, you can speak to any of the present-



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## Final Affairs Fair

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ers from the Stewardship Committee.

The handouts and other materials mentioned at the Final Affairs Fair are available at <http://www.spcathedral.org/crosstown-blog>. You can find the funeral planning guide and two of the books mentioned on a reading list on display in the Cathedral Library/Chapter Room.

### Help Desk Is Here to Help

The Stewardship Committee's Help Desk will be open in Harvard Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, August 25. We can help you set up automatic online deductions to pay your pledge and show you how to pay your pledge or make other payments (tickets, food) using your cell phone. Or we can take your photo for our online directory and make sure we have up-to-date contact information.

## A Missing Masterpiece: Book Club Will Track It Down August 27

The St. Peter's Book Club will take up Jonathan Harr's *The Lost Painting* at its meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 27, in the Chapter Room/Library. John Sumner will lead the discussion, at which all are welcome, whether you've read the book or not.

Art historians have known for years that many works by the Italian baroque painter Caravaggio (1571-1610) have been lost to time. Somewhere — in a storeroom, in a small parish church, hanging above a fireplace — a masterpiece lies forgotten, mistaken for a copy.

Author Jonathan Harr embarks on a spellbinding journey to discover the long-lost painting known as *The Taking of Christ*. Its mysterious fate and the circumstances of its disappearance have captivated Caravaggio devotees for years.

In *The Lost Painting*, a young art historian stumbles across a clue

in a dusty archive and tracks the painting across a continent and hundreds of years in history. But it is not until she meets an art restorer working in Ireland that she finally manages to assemble all the pieces of the puzzle.

Questions? Roberta Poellein ([rp11n37@gmail.com](mailto:rp11n37@gmail.com)) will be happy to tell you more.





# Becoming Beloved Community: Our Baptismal Covenant Revisited

Betsy Adams

As we discussed in July, our call to Becoming Beloved Community is deeply rooted in the promises of our baptismal covenant, our call to become God's beloved children. We are called to Becoming Beloved Community together. We are called to do our part to usher in the Kingdom of God. Our continual seeking to fulfill our baptismal promises prepares us for Becoming Beloved Community.

We begin by becoming Christian community: worshipping together, breaking bread together, praying together, studying scripture together, and serving together. As a community we move to the second baptismal promise:

*Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?*

As we move forward toward Beloved Community we turn, we turn and look at

ourselves. Self-examination is an integral piece of Christian life and we are called to examine ourselves on every level. We are called to tell the truth about the Episcopal Church's historic and present story around race. We are called to tell the truth about our congregation's historic and present story around race, and we are called to tell the truth about our personal historic and present story around race. Our core questions arise: "Who are we? What things have we done and left undone regarding racial justice and healing?"

So where do we begin to engage these questions? As the BBC Team has been exploring and studying Becoming Beloved Community, it has become clear that a good place to begin might be at the beginning. We have discovered a wonderful resource, a series of podcasts called "Seeing White" that masterfully explores the his-

tory of "whiteness" and how we continue to find ourselves in a world that far too often judges and acts based on the color of one's skin.

To assist us in finding common ground concerning our historic and present story around race, the BBC Team is offering to host a "Seeing White" discussion group this fall (based on the podcasts of the same name), dates and times to be determined. We invite and encourage you to listen to a short introductory podcast, "Turning the Lens," which may be found here: <https://www.sceneonradio.org/seeing-white/> This will give you an idea of what the series is about and whet your appetite to learn more.

The series is hosted by John Biewen, who had a distinguished 30-year career in public radio and now directs the audio pro-

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gram at the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University.

Questions? Please speak to Betsy Adams, [betsyadams@earthlink.net](mailto:betsyadams@earthlink.net).

### 'Sacred Ground' Presentation At DaySpring in November

Please consider participating in this diocesan-wide event, designed to create space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism.

**What:** 'Sacred Ground,' a film-based dialogue series on race and faith, produced by The Episcopal Church

**When:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, November 16

**Where:** DaySpring, the diocesan camp and conference center in Parrish, just over the Sunshine Skyway Bridge

**Register:** at <https://dayspringfla.org/event/race-and-reconciliation-series-2019/>  
No charge. Lunch provided.

**Details/resources:** [episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground](http://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground)

## Crosswinds

### Share Your Gifts

Our Talent Piggy Bank continues on display in Harvard Hall. Please do stop by to jot your name and your gifts and talents on a "banknote" and deposit it in the piggy. We want to celebrate everyone's skills and gifts that contribute to our life as a faith community. Or



you can e-mail that information to Stewardship Chair Ray McColgan at [rmccolgan@me.com](mailto:rmccolgan@me.com).

### St. Bede Seeks Crafters for Fall Fair

Our ministry partners at St. Bede's Episcopal Church will hold their second annual Gift and Craft Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 5. They're taking reservations now for crafters' spots,

which start at \$15. To reserve a spot, call Joyce at (727) 495-1121 and leave a message. St. Bede's is at 2500 16th St. N.



### Welcome Tip of the Month

Is a child being wiggly, noisy, or disruptive during the service? Smile at parents (rather than giving them the stink eye) or, even better, offer to help them. Children are made in God's image as much as adults are, and they eventually learn how to be calm and quiet in church by being in church. If a parent and child need to step out for a moment, point them to our comfortable Quiet Room at the back of St. Mary's Chapel.

## This Year's DR Mission Trip Takes an Unexpected Turn

*For the last 19 years, Andi Gorton has led our summer mission trip to the Dominican Republic to teach Vacation Bible School.*

*If you know anything at all about Andi, you know that this is where her heart is. She spends the rest of the year getting ready for the next trip.*

*We as a congregation have responded to her annual appeals for supplies (how many thousands of Crayolas has she taken to the DR?!). Just before each trip, many of us participate in Craft Night, when we cut, count, sort, and pack all the pieces the team will need for each day's craft. This year we prepared materials for 220 children for each of five days. Andi has created ways for all of us to feel connected to this annual trip.*



Andi Gorton

*During those 19 years, lifelong friendships have been formed with the clergy and spouses in the DR. Children who attended VBS 10 or 15 years ago are now older teens who volunteer as helpers and teachers.*

*For our DR team, the annual trip is a chance to strengthen those ties, to watch children grow in the knowledge and love of Christ, and to feel that their own faith has been deepened by this mission partnership.*

*This year — our 20th — was to be no different. With her team of Deacons Scott Nonken and Kathy Gilpin, and with the assistance of longtime missionary Karen Carroll, Andi was all set to depart for the DR on June 29. Everything was ready — tickets purchased, supplies packed, airport pickup in the DR arranged. All she needed to do was pack her own suitcase and have her passport in hand.*

*And that's when everything stopped. Let's let Andi pick up the story from here.*

*It happened for a reason. That is what we say when something unforeseen throws a wrench into your plans. This time it was my plans, and it was heart-wrenching when I realized I was not going to be a part of our 20th mission trip on behalf of the Cathedral. I could not find my passport.*

*After many tears and quick research about expensive expedited service to obtain a replacement quickly, we decided it couldn't be done. The team departed without me.*

*The blessing of living in the age of cell phones is that I could receive texts, videos, and pictures from our team, which made me feel a part of the experience in real time.*

*There was a constant stream of information, starting with the team's arrival six*

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## The Worst Monkey Wrench

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hours late in Santiago, DR. That continued every day until I met the team when they arrived back home on July 5. During the church service on June 30 at St. Luke's (San Lucas) Episcopal Church, Scott served as deacon, read the Gospel, and gave a hom-

ily. Afterward, Karen sent videos of teachers Sergia and Blasina and VBS attendee Reyzon, giving heartfelt messages in Spanish and English, respectively.

The snippet of phone captures you see here (*below, left*) is just a small sample of how the team kept me connected to the mission during the week. The children were blessed with a week of Vacation Bible

School even without me.

The scribbled notebook pages are the words I would have said to the children if I had been there. Karen, who speaks Spanish fluently, stood in for me and delivered my message.

I believe it did happen for a reason, maybe not to be revealed now or ever — but God knows, and that's all that matters.



It was a good craft but the little ones were slow

First day done. They learned their lessons but were a little wild at the end. Sending hugs



Great craft except they wanted the playdough to play with. They loved the mixed colors. Tell Alicia good idea and thanks.



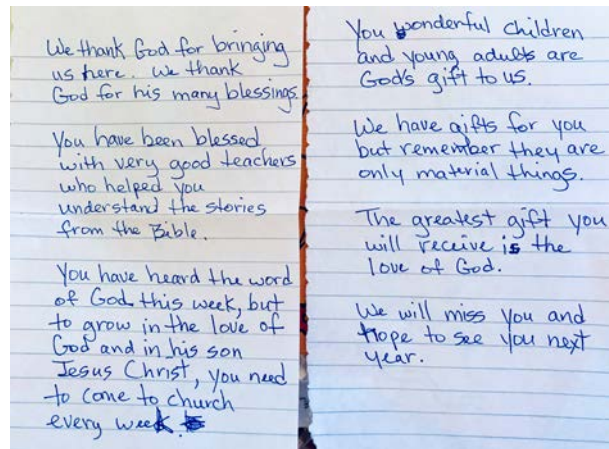
Today's craft was good but didn't get pics since too busy controlling things. I needed you. This is my mad face telling her to give me back my phone.



They have all officially promised to behave today which is good since 10 more just showed up! Gracias a Dios!



This is Karen pretending to be Andi and reading your message



# Help with VBS Now, Happening Later: We Need Youth!

**Alicia Schmidt, Youth Minister**

Can you believe it's almost August 14 — the first day of school in Pinellas? Where did the summer go? Now a new season is upon us, with plenty of activities for youth.

**First, because there's a deadline coming up:** In November there is a special opportunity for high school students who have already attended Happening, that great teen-led weekend that supports youth as they seek a personal relationship with Jesus. Our next Happening (#79) is at DaySpring the

weekend of November 1-3. Anyone who has attended a previous Happening is invited to be part of the team for #79.

If you'd like to be part of the dynamic servant team that makes this Happening as special for its participants as yours was for you, do this: Go to <https://tinyurl.com/y4dke74r> — that's the diocesan website — and register. Deadline is August 12, so don't delay.

Questions? Please speak to me (or e-mail me, [aschmid@spcathedral.com](mailto:aschmid@spcathedral.com)), or contact Michelle Mercurio, diocesan youth registrar, at [mmercurio@episcopalswfl.org](mailto:mmercurio@episcopalswfl.org).

**Now, closer to home:** Our own Praise! Vacation Bible School is Thursday and Friday, August 8 and 9, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, August 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We need adult and youth volunteers.

*Sisters Courtney and Christen Crosby, both counselors, lead a song at camp at DaySpring this summer. Photo by GARLAND POLLARD*



Yes, there are special perks here for helpers. Speak to me or Hillary Peete ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)).

For the weeks ahead, put these dates on your calendar:

## August

- 18 Youth Back-to-School BBQ Bash after the 10:15 a.m. service
- 30 Baseball with the Bishop (tickets go on sale Sunday, August 4)

## September

- 2 Labor Day. No school.
- 7 Acolyte Festival ([see Page 6](#))

## October

- 4-6 New Beginnings middle school weekend
- 14 No school for students (teacher planning day)

## November

- 1-3 Happening #79
- 23-12/1 Thanksgiving holiday week — school closed



Please note our **TEMPORARY PHONE NUMBER**: (727) 456-4534. This number is operative until the end of August while we switch to a new phone system. During office hours, front-desk volunteers can transfer you to the party you are trying to reach. Outside office hours calls cannot be transferred and there is no voice-mail system.

Our neighbor, **CITY HALL**, will be undergoing renovation for the next several months. City offices have temporarily relocated to the old police station on First Avenue N at 13th Street. About half of the city-owned parking lot on Second Avenue N has been fenced off as a construction staging area. This affects

our parking on weekends. You may want to investigate other places to park, both on-street parking and the Sundial garage on Second Street N.



**OUR SUMMER CHOIR** welcomes you. No weeknight rehearsals. Just come at 9:30 a.m. Sundays for a short rehearsal in the Cathedral before the 10:15 a.m. service. Come one Sunday or all through August 25.



Tickets go on sale August 4 for the 10th annual **BASEBALL WITH THE BISHOP** on Friday, August 30. It's Rays versus the Cleveland Indians at Tropicana Field. Tickets are \$25, and you'll be spending the evening with thousands of your fellow Episcopalians from all around the diocese. Look for the ticket table in Harvard Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service.

# Joint Council Will Build Collaboration Between St. Peter's, St. Bede's

Thank you to those of you who continue to keep the parish of St. Bede's Episcopal Church in your daily prayers as we work to

strengthen our partnership as sister churches in St. Petersburg.

Canon Paige Hanks, priest-in-charge at St. Bede's, and its vestry are grateful for the calls, visits on Sundays, and the ways we continue to imagine how our partnership can be fulfilling to both church communities. Canon Brandon Peete and Dean Morris have each already visited St. Bede's for Sunday worship and were warmly welcomed by their church community.

One of the plans we already have begun to work on is the formation of a Joint Council between our two parishes. The council will serve in an advisory capacity, encouraging collaboration and the sharing of our strengths and challenges with one another. It is our hope that as we grow in our relationship with one another, we will continue to find ways to cooperate in the strengthening of the Episcopal Church in sharing the love of Christ with our community.

Do you have ideas about how our two parishes might join in partnership? If so, please let Dean Morris or Canon Paige know. Would you like to visit and worship with the St. Bede's Community? Sunday services are at 10 a.m. There is a Thursday healing service at 10 a.m. followed by Bible study. And if you happen to meet an old or new friend who is part of the St. Bede's community, please greet them warmly in the name of Christ. Together, we can do the work Christ has called us to do!



*Visit St. Bede's — including Deacon Marcus Crim and our own Canon Paige Hanks — at 2500 16th St N. Photo by JUDY STARK*

## Messy Church Returns

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### What keeps you coming back to Messy Church?

**Cathy:** As a volunteer, I joined the team because I love helping children. I miss being with my grandchildren since they live far away, so I thought this would be a good way to connect with the children of St. Peter's. I keep coming back because of the positive connection with other volunteers,



*Three generations — grandmother Lynn Hol-loway, grandson Hayden Yeager, mother Lucy Yeager — enjoy a Messy moment.*

and of course the children and their families.

**Hayden:** It's always fun!

**Lucy:** It's important to me that my son feels a part of a church family so he will have that support as he gets older and life gets more confusing.

**Sarah:** We love the fellowship, the music, the Bible story, and the carefully themed crafts. The kids always have fun, and they always learn something.

### How do you see Messy Church affecting the lives of kids, families, and volunteers?

**Lucy:** It's a wonderful opportunity to be at church during the week, reminding everyone that faith is an everyday thing, not just Sundays.

**Cathy:** Because the message is delivered in a fun, friendly and casual way (with yummy food) it might be more meaningful for some children.

**Sarah:** Messy Church makes my kids really excited to go to church, and it helps keep them connected to our church family. It's a nice, relaxed way for people of all ages to connect.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE



*The whole Messy gang, as seen in April 2019.*

## Beware of Fake E-Mails

Some members of our congregation recently received e-mails purporting to be from Dean Morris and asking that they purchase gift cards.

The dean's e-mail had been hacked. These were fake e-mails. The Cathedral would never solicit contributions from you in this manner. Many clergy around the country have been similarly hacked with appeals to buy gift cards or send money somewhere.

If you get such an e-mail, please delete it. Do not respond to it. Be suspicious of any e-mail claiming to be from a member of the clergy that does not come from that person's official cathedral e-mail address. If you do receive such an e-mail, please let us know so we can officially disavow this mischief.



## New Job for Courtney Crosby

Congratulations to Courtney Crosby, a lifelong member of our congregation, who has just become the youth and children's minister at St.

Thomas Episcopal Church on Snell Isle. Courtney served as an acolyte at St. Peter's and has long been involved in youth events

in our diocese. She has been a camp counselor at DaySpring for eight years, serving this summer as head counselor. She has been involved in the Acolyte Festival, the Episcopal Youth Event, and the Youth Leadership Team. She is the daughter of Marcy Crosby and sister to Carlynn, Christen, and Connor.



## Coffee with Clergy on August 11

The Rev. Canon Brandon Peete, canon for hospitality, will continue his monthly Coffee with the Clergy gatherings from 9 to 10 a.m. Sunday, August 11, in the Chapter Room.

Newcomers and others are welcome to join him and other members of the clergy staff for conversations, questions and answers, and "getting to know you."



# Family Promise Makes Progress, Expects to Welcome Families in September

**Karen Amundrud**

In just one month, Family Promise has raised one-third of its funding goal of \$50,000. The plan is to hire a case manager this month and be ready to welcome guests in September.

Family Promise of Pinellas County ([www.fppinellas.org](http://www.fppinellas.org)) is part of a national nonprofit organization serving homeless children and their parents. They are housed at participating churches, moving from church to church each week. Four times a year they receive their meals and lodging for a week at Palm Lake Christian Church, with St. Peter's support. They spend days at the Day Center at Central Christian Church, 6201 22nd Ave. N, where they seek jobs, social services and permanent housing.

A new executive director is in place and board members have been assigned to areas of responsibility: governance; marketing and fund develop-

ment; and program and congregations. The board met recently with Tressa Ramsey, area representative for National Family Promise, seeking her guidance as they reorganize and resume helping families in need.



Please consider helping homeless children and their families to become housed and stable again by volunteering for a committee and/or making a donation, no matter how small.

You can volunteer by contacting Executive Director Sharon Boyes at (727) 201-9571, or me, Karen Amundrud, at (727)

480-1835. Or you can complete the volunteer form on the website, [www.fppinellas.org](http://www.fppinellas.org). You can donate by mailing a check to the Day Center at 6201 22nd Ave. N. St. Petersburg 33710 or hitting the DONATE button on the website.

A new season of **FOYER GROUPS** begins September 19. Join us from 5:45 to 7 p.m. for a delicious dinner (\$5), lively conversation and a chance to get to know each other. Look for the signup sheet for these monthly gatherings on the table in Harvard Hall (yes, even if you're a Foyers regular from years gone by). Questions? Speak to Marion Fleming, [mimideeda@gmail.com](mailto:mimideeda@gmail.com).



## Bible Studies Offer Summer Substance

Summer is here, but our various Bible studies aren't taking a vacation. See if one of these suits your schedule and your interests. No need to register; just come.

**\* Reading Through the New Testament** — 10 a.m. Thursdays in the Chapter Room. This new offering, led by the Rev. Bill Roen, will focus on reading the New Testament from Matthew through Revelation using the critical tools designed for the study of literature to delve into the meaning of each passage and deal with the issues of faith we find there. This class will not meet August 8.

**\* Men's Bible Study** — 7:30 a.m. Thursdays in the Narthex. They are currently reading and discussing the Gospel of Luke, the source of our Gospel readings on Sundays.

**\* Gospel Reflections** — 8 a.m. Tuesday in the Chapter Room. This class looks at the readings for the coming Sunday. (Note that this class will not meet on August 6.)



## Now it's official

Above, Canon Sam Tallman accepts a hand-carved wooden bowl from his congregation at St. Mary-of-the-Hills in Blowing Rock, NC. Canon Sam retired as our precentor and canon for pastoral care in May. He returned to the congregation he served in North Carolina for a few weeks, and retired there at the beginning of July. The bowl was carved from a 100-year-old maple tree that graced the front of the church until last year. It looks as if St. Mary's loves Sam and his husband, Mike (seated at right), just as much as we do!

# A Visionary, a Widow, a Viceroy, a Time-Traveller: This Month's Movies

**Susan Regan**

Enjoy free movies at 7 p.m. Fridays in Harvard Hall. Bring your friends; we provide the popcorn.

**August 2: *My Architect: A Son's Journey***

(2003, NR) Documentarian Nathaniel Kahn examines the life and career of his father, architect Louis I. Kahn (1904-1974), whose work included the Salk Institute, countless office buildings and private homes, and the parliament and capitol buildings in Bangladesh. The Oscar-nominated film reveals that the elder Kahn died of a heart attack in a Penn Station restroom, unidentified and broke despite having been one of the most influential architects of the twentieth century.

**August 9: No Movie — Vacation Bible School.**

**August 16: *Widow's Peak*** (1994, PG).

When attractive British widow Edwina (Natasha Richardson) moves to a quiet Irish community, the local ladies are immediately suspicious of the sultry outsider, so much so that they spearhead an elaborate investigation to prove she's up to no good. But that doesn't stop Edwina from charming Mrs. Counihan's (Joan Plowright) son, Godfrey (Adrian Dunbar), and fighting with Miss O'Hare (Mia Farrow). Jim Broadbent co-stars in this comedic mystery.



**August 23: *Viceroy's House*** (2017 NR). An epic chapter in the history of the British Empire is recounted in this period drama that follows the last viceroy of India, Lord Mountbatten, as he oversees the nation's seismic transition to independence in 1947.

**August 30: *Midnight in Paris*** (2011, PG-13). In this charming romantic comedy, screenwriter Paul travels back in time to 1920s Paris, and discovers that he may have more in common with Ernest Hemingway, Alice B. Toklas, and the Fitzgeralds than he does with his fiancée Inez and her friends.

The Burns Movie Series honors our late founder and programmer, Eddy Burns. Comments and suggestions: Susan Regan, [sfrcpa23@gmail.com](mailto:sfrcpa23@gmail.com).

# August Transitions

## Birthdays

1 Mary-Jane Stokes  
1 Jeff Robinson  
1 Pat Bygrave  
1 Sydney Smith  
1 Gretchen Hamm  
2 Bonita Cobb  
3 Betsy Pheil  
3 Ryan Witko  
3 McKenzie Wheeler  
4 David Hobbs  
4 KayeLynn Salsman  
5 Michelle Correll  
6 Abigail Catherine  
Albert  
7 Helen Johnson

7 John Hamm  
7 Molly Goodwill  
7 Brandie Kirkwood  
7 Noelle Leroy  
8 Susan Bettencourt  
8 Joe Bourdow  
9 Jim Stevens  
9 Liz Allen  
9 Averell Lenhardt  
10 William Pastman  
11 Judy Stanton  
11 Alexander Beck  
12 Brad Davis  
14 Barbara Wright  
14 Bob Churuti

15 Jacqueline Jones-  
Blacker  
15 Dennis Cooper  
15 Beth Snyder  
15 David Lessard  
15 Mary Hind  
15 Eve Munkittrick  
16 Mary Howe  
16 John Faber  
17 Kathleen Coughlan  
18 Jan Dooley  
18 Debra Davis  
18 Gary Patterson  
19 Evelyn Ranuro  
19 Lois Ricciardi  
20 Vonnie Bennett  
20 Jerry Buchert  
20 Helen Munkittrick  
21 Aubrey McManus  
21 Addison Campbell-  
Correll  
22 Bob Williamson  
22 Christina Morris  
24 Crawford Churchwell

25 Sara Pastman  
25 Holly Morris  
26 Priscilla Young  
26 Sherie Campbell  
26 Cory Center  
26 Suzanne Hill  
28 Pat Williams

30 Karen Amundrud  
30 Michael Scott  
30 Joe Burnsed  
30 Henry Morris  
31 Richard Rome  
31 George Billias

## Anniversaries

1 Michael Blacker &  
Jacqueline Jones-  
Blacker  
1 John & Louise  
Garrigues  
2 Rick & Heather Neefe  
3 Ryan & Elizabeth Ferrell  
6 Shaughn & Amy Hurt  
7 Greg & Gaye Burnsed  
8 Jon & Betsy Reynolds  
11 Andy & Kate  
Munkittrick  
12 Ed & Marnie Long  
16 Ed & Betty Shamas  
20 Terry & Larissa Crow

20 Joe & Hilary Sosa  
27 Ed & Freda Caley  
27 John & Carol Ellis  
30 Henry & Lindsey  
Juarez  
31 John & Adelia Samaha



## Deaths

Mary Beth Tucker  
Erin Earle



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## St. Peter's: A Guide

## At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

### Our Worship Schedule

#### Sunday

8 a.m.: Holy Eucharist  
Rite I and Sermon  
*A traditional service, no music*

10 a.m.: Children's Chapel and  
Middlers' Chapel

10:15 a.m.: Holy Eucharist  
Rite II and Sermon  
*Worship music led by choirs*

11:20 a.m.: Coffee Hour

#### Saturday

5 p.m.: Holy Eucharist  
Rite II and Sermon  
*A traditional service, no music*

#### Weekday Worship

Holy Eucharist, 12:05 p.m.  
Tuesdays and Thursdays

Holy Eucharist and Healing:  
Wednesdays, 12:05 p.m.

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**Next deadline: August 15, 2019.**

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